

Presidents Letter

Bob Decker

This starts the countdown to summer's end but I will not go there. This year August brings us the ASHE Conference which just took place this week and the CASHE Annual Seminar and Exhibition that is coming at the end of the month.

The ASHE Conference was fantastic with the highlight for me being George Mills and team giving the Joint Commission update. Indianapolis turned out to be a great city and I didn't even think much about the old scars from losing our football team. Tom Blount did a great job of note taking and has a lot of the conference information in the Newsletter. Our CASHE Seminar is also going to be one of the best ever with a member of George's team coming to give us a personal update on CMS and TJC. Of course that is only one reason to attend so check out the CASHE Seminar agenda and I'm sure you will not find a better deal anywhere. Major CEU's are available from this conference.

With the expertise of Allison Ellis from Koffel Associates, we have taken our first step in developing a Social Media program for CASHE. We now have a LinkedIn group account and are urging all CASHE members to join. We will be sending out invitations but everyone is not connected so please request your connection with our group and post anything and everything CASHE. We are still looking for volunteers to help with our Facebook and other accounts that are in the works. If you like posting on these accounts please

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Calendar of Events

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CASHE Monthly General Meeting

Date: 9/13/17
Location: Matthews 1600
1600 Frederick Rd, Catonsville, MD
Sponsor: CASHE Board
Topic: CASHE Strategic Planning Review

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GENERAL MEETING ATTENDANCE

RSVP a week prior to the General Meeting.
USE THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE RSVP LINK.
<https://www.eventbrite.com> search CASHE

General Meeting Attendee Price:

- CASHE Healthcare Members – Free,
- CASHE Associate Members - \$35.00,
- CASHE Member Guests - \$50.00,
- All guests will be charged a \$50.00 entrance fee at the front desk.

EDUCATIONAL FUND

Don't miss-out on free tuition reimbursement.

The CASHE Board is pleased to announce that we have educational opportunities for our members and/or their staff. Healthcare members interested in learning new "Trades" skills and/or members who have staff interested in learning new "Trades" skills are encouraged to submit an application to the CASHE Board of Directors for review and consideration. Education opportunities are available in the areas of Plant Operations, HVAC, Controls, & Electricity.

Follow link to website and reimbursement form.
<http://www.cashe-md.org/education.php>
Contact CASHE.MD@gmail.com or any CASHE Board member for additional information or submit an application for education reimbursement.

E2C to All CASHE Health Care

Many of CASHE Healthcare buildings have accepted the application to ASHE E2C Chapter Challenge. This enrolment will allow CASHE to compete for the Elite award status in 2018. September 30 is the next date for measurement of your buildings energy performance in E2C. I know we will do well and represent CASHE in this endeavor.

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contact me and become part of this new growth with whatever amount of time you wish to spend.

I was unable to make the recent CASHE Iron Birds /Crab Feast game but I'm told it went well. We will look at an improved event next year with more space and more people. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the CASHE Fall Shrimp and Bull Roast coming up in October. I know it seems far away but it will be here before you know it and tickets go fast once they start selling.

The board is continuing our focus on the Strategic Analysis results and we will be presenting a detailed update at our CASHE General Meeting in September. We have initiated several new ideas that were the result of member feedback. We are always interested in that feedback so know that you can contact any board member at any time with new ideas, questions or concerns.

That's enough from me, now move on to the rest of the Newsletter for the latest and greatest in Healthcare. Safe travels and I hope to see everyone in Ocean City for the CASHE Seminar.

Bob



"OK, Bob. Your job offer isn't really in the pinata. We just wanted to see how badly you wanted the job."



35th Annual CASHE Seminar / Exhibition

Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel
10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City MD 21842
August 29th – September 1st, 2017

Once again a tremendous event for all CASHE Members. Excellent education, superb networking and exceptional socializing, great comments on the food as well! Next year we will be in Hershey, PA

Upcoming CASHE General Meetings and Events

General Meeting - 11 October 2017

- Location: UAW Hall, Baltimore, MD
- Sponsor: AIA Baltimore, Health and Wellness Committee, Tom O'Keefe
- Topic: Operating room Ceiling systems – Steve Clark HAVTECH

Bull and Shrimp Roast - 21 October 2017

- Location: UAW Hall, 1010 Oldham St, Baltimore, MD
- Sponsor: CASHE Board
- Topic: Bull and Shrimp Roast

General Meeting - 8 November 2017

- Location: Holiday Inn, 7900 Washington Blvd, Jessup, MD
- Sponsor: Advanced Thermal Solutions, Gus Karayinopolus
- Topic: Filtration technology and methodology / integration

Christmas Party - 13 December 2017

- Location: MD Masonic Homes, 300 International Cir, Cockeysville, MD
- Sponsor: CASHE Board
- Topic: Christmas Party – Wednesday night

Job Market

CASHE Secretary

Holy Cross has open positions for an **Engineer Maryland Grade 1, Engineer Maryland Grade 5 and a Senior Electrician**. 301-557-2005.
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Upper Chesapeake Health is looking for a **replacement for Don Allik** who plans going part time @ Dec 2017. The plan is to bring someone on board now, to effect an orderly transition and to have Don on a part time basis to help with major construction and important operational issues

Responsibilities involve both Upper Chesapeake Medical Center and Harford Memorial Hospital  
Contact Evan Combs, V.P. Operations 443-643-1348 or Don Allik 443-643- 1314  
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Adventist Healthcare is searching for a new Director of Facilities also Construction Manager.
Contact Dsmith@adventisthealthcare.com
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**I you have positions available or looking for a new position and would like to share among your CASHE Membership. Email to [CASHE.MD@gmail.com](mailto:CASHE.MD@gmail.com)**

## NFPA 99 2012 Update: Medical Gas and Vacuum Systems

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

Time: Noon Central Time

Speaker: James K Lathrop, Vice President, Koffel Associates Inc.

Overview:

The webinar is a review and discussion of the newly adopted NFPA 99 2012 and how the risk assessment requirements of the new Chapter 4 affect the requirements for Medical Gas and Vacuum Systems requirements of Chapter 5. The application of Chapter 5 to new and existing facilities will be addressed. Also some of the major differences since the 2000 edition of the Code will be highlighted along with installer and verifier qualifications and maintenance and testing of system components.

Objectives:

Define the four risk categories of Chapter 4 and the related impact on the requirements of Chapter 5  
Locate the list of requirements for existing systems and discuss how that list works  
Locate the requirements for individuals installing medical gas and vacuum piping, and for those verifying such systems.  
Locate the provisions for maintenance of these systems and discuss how this list works.

Registration:

ASHE Member: FREE [REGISTER NOW](#)  
Nonmember: \$125 [REGISTER NOW](#)

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## National Health Care Facilities and Engineering Week

Caring for Facilities. Caring for Patients. | October 22-28, 2017

ASHE Engineering Week. Take the time to recognize staff for all they do to optimize the health care physical environment during National Health Care Facilities & Engineering Week, October 22-28, 2017.

You and your staff are important members of the health care team – your department keeps your facility operational, safe, and efficient. Because of all you do, there is power; running water; and a clean, comfortable, and safe healing environment for all who walk through your doors. What you may think is ordinary is truly extraordinary.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING TO DEVELOP THE DIRECTION OF CASHE'S FUTURE NEEDS

The CASHE Board of Directors and Associate Board is pleased to announce that our annual planning efforts for 2017 will feature a formal Strategic Planning Process to develop our organization to be the very best there is. During the September meeting we provided the results of the SWOT process.

### Strengths

- Commitment to education
- Great group of people
- Member loyalty to active associates

### Weakness

- Weak speakers
- Newsletter could be more professional
- Lack of Social Media for younger members
- New members not attending

### Opportunities

- Upgrade educational topics
- Welcoming committee
- Upgrade communication

### Threats

- Younger people not joining groups
- Need to "sell" Education Programs
- Disengaged members both Associate and HC

### Next Steps.....

- Get involved!!
- Sign up for committee service
- Updates will be provided at November General Meeting on our progress
- Strategic Plan is a work in progress. Fluid. Can't collect dust!
- We need you!

## ASHE Schedule

### International Summit & Exhibition on Health Facility Planning, Design & Construction (PDC Summit)

2018 PDC Summit: March 25-28, 2018, in Nashville, Tennessee

2019 PDC Summit: March 17-20, 2019, in Phoenix, Arizona

### ASHE Annual Conference & Technical Exhibition

2017 Annual Conference: August 6-9, 2017, in Indianapolis, Indiana

2018 Annual Conference: July 15-18, 2018, in Seattle, Washington

2019 Annual Conference: July 14-17, 2019, in Baltimore, Maryland

**CASHE will be the HOST Chapter for this conference. Your active participation is needed to make this a success. Get involved now to show ASHE how great CASHE is!**

## SENIOR

### of the American Society of Healthcare Engineering

The SASHE designation is bestowed on those who have been ASHE members in good standing for at least five years and have supported ASHE in terms of education and leadership.

- Lennon A. Peake, SASHE, with Koffel Associates in Columbia, Maryland

### Regional Leader Award of the American Society of Healthcare Engineering

The Emerging Regional Leader award recognizes people for their contributions to the fields of healthcare engineering and facilities management; planning, design, and construction; safety; clinical and biomedical engineering; and technical management.

- Region 2: Robert Decker, CHC, CHFM, CBRE/Medstar Harbor Hospital, Baltimore, MD

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## Earn continuing education credits by reading Inside ASHE

ASHE members can earn free continuing education units (CEUs) by reading this summer edition of Inside ASHE and passing a quiz based on articles in this issue.

Those wishing to earn 0.1 CEU (1 contact hour) from the American Hospital Association should follow these instructions:

1. Read this edition of Inside ASHE and understand the articles.
2. Watch your e-mail inbox for an e-mail inviting you to take the online CEU quiz (please call tech support at 1-877-796-1325 if you do not get an e-mail invitation by July 31, 2017).
3. Members who pass the quiz will be able to print a CEU certificate for 0.1 CEU (1 contact hour).

### Eligibility Information

- To earn CEUs with the summer 2017 edition of Inside ASHE, you must be an ASHE member as of July 1, 2017. Members who join after that date will not be eligible for CEUs through Inside ASHE until the fall 2017